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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/72/101/Rev.1 of 17 July 2017, the General Assembly will be required, at its current session, to appoint five persons to fill the vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Bachar Bong Abdallah (Chad)
Pavel Chernikov (Russian Federation)
Julia A. Maciel (Paraguay)
Fernando de Oliveira Sena (Brazil)
Cihan Terzi (Turkey)
David Traystman (United States of America)

3. The candidates' curricula vitae are set out in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Curricula vitae*

Bachar Bong Abdallah (Chad)

Date and place of birth: 08/23/1979 in N'Djamena

Areas of expertise

Specialist in international negotiations, the United Nations system, administration, finance and budget, financing the United Nations peacekeeping budget, scale of assessment, audit, sustainable development, financing for development, cooperation with development partners, bilateral cooperation, regional integration policies, management of multilateral and regional projects, governance and human rights, conflict resolution, poverty eradication, food security, the African Union/NEPAD, Africa's strategic partnerships, developing countries, south-south cooperation.

Studies carried out

2004–2006: Master's Degree in History at Russian People's Friendship University of Moscow (Russia), with honors;

2000–2004: Master's degree in International Relations at Russian People's Friendship University of Moscow (Russia), with honors;

1995–1998: BAC A-series, Lycée de la Liberté.

Positions held

August 2008–Nov. 2010: Attaché at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chad to Ethiopia, the African Union and the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;

Nov. 2010–2013: Economic Advisor at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chad to Ethiopia, the African Union and the ECA in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;

March 2014–December 2014: Economic Advisor at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chad to the United Nations in New York, USA;

June 2016–December 2016: Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chad to the United Nations;

December 2016 to date: First Counselor and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chad to the United Nations.

Professional activities

Ethiopia Jan and June: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 Delegate to the ordinary sessions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union;

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Ethiopia 2008–2010: Delegate of the Republic of Chad to the African Union Peace and Security Council;

Ethiopia 2008–2012: Participation in meetings of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) of the AU and its Subcommittees on Refugees and Internal Displaced Persons, Administrative, Financial and Budgetary, Economic and Trade, and New Partnership For the Development of Africa (NEPAD);

Ethiopia 2008–2012: Chairman of the Expert Group of the PRC Sub-Committee on International Cooperation;

Ethiopia 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013: Participation in the meetings of the Extraordinary Conference of African Ministers of Economy and Finance/Plan and international cooperation;

Ethiopia 28 Sep–02 October 2009: Participation in the 7th Session of the AU Labor and Social Affairs Commission;

Ethiopia 13–14.Avr. 2010: Participation in the 3rd meeting of the Informal Expert Group of the Africa-EU Partnership on Democracy, Governance and Human Rights;

Ethiopia 17–21 May 2010: Participation in the meeting of governmental experts on the transformation of the African Union Commission into an Authority;

United Nations (New York) From March 2014 to the present: Delegate of Chad to the 2nd Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations, in charge of the Least Developed Countries (LDC), UNDP and the implementation of Agenda 2030 and financing For the development;

United Nations From March 2014 to the present: Chad's Principal Delegate to the 5th Committee of the United Nations General Assembly in charge of Budget, Finance and Administration;

United Nations Nov. 2014–July 2015: Chief Negotiator of the African Group of Experts for the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development;

United Nations Nov. 2014–Sep. 2015: Member of the Bureau of the African Group of Negotiators, Chair of the Implementation Group on Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development;

United Nations Nov. 2014–Sep. 2015: Member of the G77 and China negotiators' group in the negotiation of the Agenda 2030 and financing for development;

United Nations 2014–2015: Member of the Chadian Expert team in charge of the United Nations Security Council;

United Nations 2015–2016: Vice-Chairman of the Bureau of the African Group of Experts (2nd and 5th GA Commission) to the United Nations;

United Nations 2015–2016: Vice-President of the 5th Commission elected by the General Assembly of the United Nations;

United Nations 2016–2017: Chairman of the African Group in charge of the 5th Committee of the United Nations General Assembly on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters;

United Nations 2016–2018: Member of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Steering Committee.

Other international experiences

Belgium 20–21 Nov. 2011: Participation in the Joint Expert Meeting of the Africa-European Union Partnership;

Turkey 14–15 Dec. 2010: Representing Chad (President of ECCAS) at the meeting of Senior Officials of the Africa-Turkey Cooperation;

Japan 1–3 June 2013: Participation to the TICAD V;

Ghana 29 Nov.–3 Dec. 2011: Head of the Chadian delegation to the 7th Ordinary Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Trade;

Gabon, DRC, Uganda, Rwanda, CAR 2–14 Feb 2016: Inspection visit to United Nations peacekeeping operations (BNUAC, MINURCO, MINUSCA, Entebbe Logistics Base, troop contributing country);

United Nations (New York) 2014–2017: Covering development issues (trade, infrastructure, energy, industry, ICT, water), negotiator on budgetary, administrative and financial issues, facilitator of several resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly, including on NEPAD , the third decade of Africa's Industrialization (2016–2025), program planning.

Extra-professional activities

2005–2006: President of the Association of Chadian Students in the Russian Federation;

2005–2006: Member and Education Advisor of the Association of African Students in the Russian Federation;

2015: Member of some diplomatic groups (economic, commercial and public diplomacy)

2016: President of the Chadian election Bureau in United States/New York.

Seminars and workshops

Nov. 2006: Seminar on the issue of the scholarship, N'Djamena/Chad

20–21 Apr 2009: AMANI Africa Seminar for Strategic Decision Makers, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;

12–16 Jul. 2009: Brainstorming session with the Department of Political Affairs, Mombasa/Kenya;

5–7 Oct. 2009: Africa-EU workshop on the financing of the Joint Strategy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;

6–7 April 2010: Expert Workshop on Maritime Safety, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;

10–15 Oct. 2010: 7th African Development Forum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;

9–10 Dec. 2010: Retreat on Alternative Sources of Funding for the African Union, Nairobi, Kenya;

31 March–2 April 2011: 3rd joint retreat Committee of Permanent Representatives (COREP) Commission of the African Union (AUC), Nazareth/Ethiopia;

10–13 Apr. 2011: Retreat with the Department of Agriculture of the African Union Commission, Maputo/Mozambique;

22–24 Nov. 2011: Forum on African Trade, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;

27–28 Nov. 2011: Preparatory Workshop for the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization, Accra, Ghana;

28 March 2015: Workshop on the Priorities of Developing Countries in the Post-2015 Agenda and the Financing for Development Process, New York, USA;

27 Feb–3 March 2016: Round Table of the Group of 77 and China on Sufficiency Economy Philosophy, and Expert Meeting on South-South ICT Cooperation, Bangkok, Thailand

Computer skills

Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet

Languages

French: spoken and written

English: spoken and written

Russian: spoken and written

Arabic: Spoken

Hobbies

Sport; reading; research; documentaries;

Pavel Chernikov (Russian Federation)

Born: 11 September 1961

Professional interests — governance, management and oversight of international organizations.

33 years of work experience in dealing with international organizations, including 20 years on administrative and budgetary matters, with the rest on economic, social, humanitarian and human rights issues.

Postings with the United Nations and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

2015–2016	Member, United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), New York, USA
2014	Vice-Chairman, United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), New York, USA
2012–2013	Member, United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), New York, USA
2011	Principal Counsellor, Department of International Organizations, MFA, Moscow, Russia
2004–2011	Chief of Division/Principal Counsellor, Department on Humanitarian Co-operation and Human Rights, MFA, Moscow, Russia
1999–2004	Counsellor/Senior Counsellor, Chief of Administrative and Budgetary Section, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Switzerland
1995–1999	First Secretary/Counsellor, Administrative and Budgetary Division, Department of International Organizations, MFA, Moscow, Russia
1989–1994	Attache/Third Secretary, Administrative and Budgetary Section, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Switzerland
1983–1989	Junior officer/Officer, European Economic Co-operation and United Nations ECE Section, Department of International Economic Organizations, MFA, Moscow, Russia

Some of duties performed

- Participated in deliberations on all issues on the ACABQ agenda for 2012–2016;
- Participated in meetings of governing bodies, their administrative and budgetary sub-committees and/or other subsidiary bodies of the following international organizations:
- UN (UNGA' Fifth and Third Committees, ECOSOC, UNCC, ECE, HRC/CHR, CSW and CSocD),

- Specialized agencies (WHO, ILO, WIPO, WMO, ITU and UNIDO),
- Voluntary funded programs (UNHCR and UNDP) as well as
- Non-United Nations system institutes (CoE, OPCW and the Wassenaar Arrangement);
- In several organizations represented Russia in ad-hoc specialized groups (on drafting or revision of the Financial and Staff Regulations, on staff remuneration and other personnel and budgetary issues, etc.). Chaired one of such groups;
- Represented Russia in co-ordination mechanisms of like-minded delegations and missions, chaired several informal groups;
- Followed the work of such United Nations system jointly financed bodies as the ICSC, JIU and ACC/CEB;
- Acted as a liaison officer in contacts with the Ministry of Finance with respect to Russian contributions to international organizations;
- Participated in donor consultations on the use of Russian voluntary contributions to the OHCHR and the UNHCR.

Elected positions

- Before election to the ACABQ twice elected in an individual capacity as a Russian member of the Budget Committee of the Council of Europe (for a period of 2001–2004).

Major professional publications

- "Evaluating the United Nations: How to Measure the Efficiency and Effectiveness of an International Organization" (a book published in Russian by "R.Valent" publishing house, Moscow, 2005).

Other information

- Education: Economist, Specialist on International Economic Relations, Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (1983);
- Family status: Married, has a grown-up daughter;
- Hobby: Poetry, a book of verses published in 2009.

Julia A. Maciel (Paraguay)

Profile. *Former Minister of Planning for Economic and Social Development of Paraguay with twelve years of professional experience in the Government Civil Service and five years in the Foreign Service. Born in Asunción, Paraguay.*

Experience

- **Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations. New York.**
  (April 2011–present)

  Represents the Government of Paraguay in the Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee of the United Nations. Coordinated negotiations of the Fifth Committee Agenda, including the Enterprise Resource Planning Project–UMOJA. Coordinated negotiations on behalf of the Group of G77 and China on items such as Capital Master Plan, Board of Auditors, International Public Sector Accounting, HRM and United Nations Common System. Also represents Paraguay in the Committee of Conferences and coordinates issues of the UNGA 3rd Committee. Contributes to the management of the day to day operations of the Permanent Mission and acts as *Officer in Charge* during periods of absence of the PR and/or DPR.

- **Technical Advisor to the Vice President of Paraguay.** Asunción, Paraguay (2008–2011)

  Responsible for the monitoring of the national plan for economic and social development and the execution of its budget. Ensured that the Vice President received relevant, accurate information on national, regional and international economic issues (MERCOSUR, EU, PARLASUR, UNASUR).

- **Consultant. Inter-American Development Bank/CISNI.** Asuncion, Paraguay (2006–2007)

  Provided technical assistance to the Support Program Unit-CISNI (*Council for National Integrity System*) for country implementation and reporting of the set of standards, measures and regulation of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption and the Organization of the American States Convention Against Corruption.

- **Minister-Executive Secretary. Ministry of Planning for Economic and Social Development** (STP). Asunción, Paraguay (2004–2005) (*First woman Minister*)

  Coordinated operational levels for the implementation of the Government Plan for economic and social growth. Prepared the Country Strategic Agenda for Development. Developed an International Cooperation policy. Managed the public investment program and the full budget process: planning, prioritization, monitoring, analysis and explanation of results. Implemented and monitored result-based budgeting in accordance with the Government's prioritization plan. Produced yearly Performance and Budget Reports. Oversaw preparation and implementation of the Government's agenda for the Millennium (MDG) commitments. Negotiated the International Cooperation

agenda in accordance with national priorities. Promoted interagency cooperation. Organized the dissemination of national information and statistical data, surveys and census.

- **Technical Coordinator for International Cooperation Reform Program. USAID/AKD.** Asunción, Paraguay (2001–2003)

  Coordinated operational activities, with 3 levels of government institutions, with an emphasis on participation of local governments and civil society organizations as main program stakeholders. Organized training courses for local authorities on organizational management, strategic planning, program development *and the budget process*.

- **Director General of International Cooperation Office — Secretary General of Paraguayan Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO. Ministry of Education and Culture-MEC** Asunción, Paraguay (2000–2001)

  Managed the Office of International Cooperation for Education. Assessed and monitored educational projects. Negotiated the national agenda in the MERCOSUR, OAS, UNESCO. Organized multidisciplinary and inter-institutional work meetings with the public and private sectors. Coordinated UNESCO programs in Paraguay with government sectors and civil society.

- **Advisor to the Minister. Ministry of Planning for Economic and Social Development.** Asunción, Paraguay (1998–2000)

  Tracked and monitored the execution of budgets of international cooperation projects. Analyzed (SWOT) and diagnosed projects. Impact & Performance evaluation. Produced Performance and Budget Reports.

- **Technical Consultant. Ministry of Education-World Bank.** Asunción. Paraguay (1996–1997)

  Managed computer training and digitalization of construction working sheets of educational buildings.

- **Consultant. European Union/National University of Asunción.** Paraguay (2001)

  Trained public officials on "*Reform and Modernization of Public Administration*".

Academic positions

- ***University Professor.*** *Universidad Autonoma de Asunción-UAA-Via Pro Desarrollo (2007–2008)*

  Lectured modules of "*Reform and Modernization of the State*", "*Ethics in Public Service*" and "*Strategic Planning*", "*Program Development and the Budget Process*".

- ***Professor at the Diplomatic and Consular Academy of Asunción.*** Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1999)

  Taught courses on *Strategic Planning and Project Development*.

Lectures: College of William & Mary, Yeshiva University.

Education

- Diplomatic Studies. *Oxford University Postgraduate Programme in Foreign Service and Diplomatic Study* (Chevening). England (1998)
- Diplomatic Studies. *Diplomatic and Consular Academy of Asunción.* Paraguay (1997)
- Master of Architecture & Planning. *Ball State University*. Indiana, USA (Fulbright fellow) (1990)
- Bachelor of Architecture. *Universidad Nacional de Asunción*. Paraguay (1988)

Additional courses/workshops.

- *Mediation Skills Training Course*, Columbia University. New York City (2014)
- Unitar-International Peace Institute (IPI) Programme in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy. Oslo. Norway (2015)

– Within the program "*Peace, Security and Diplomacy, Peacekeeping, Peacemaking and Conflict Prevention*":

- *Multilateral Negotiation*: Levelling the Playing Field (2015)
- *Reconciliation and Conflict Prevention* (2014)
- *Women Negotiating Peace*: The Role of Women in Negotiating Sustainable Peace (2014)
- *Multilateral Negotiation Training*: Orientation on Population and Development (2014)

Languages

- Spanish – Native
- English – Fluent
- French – Basic
- Portuguese – Basic
- Italian – Basic
- Guarani – Native

Awards/distinctions/honors

- "L'Ordre National du Méritee" by the Government of the Republic of France (2006)
- Chevening Fellowship by the British Government Chevening Foundation. Oxford. England (1997)
- Fulbright Fellowship by the Government of the United States. USA (1989)
- Fellowship by the Government of Korea. Seoul, Korea (2009)
- Fellowship by the English Speaking Union. Oxford, England (1998)
- Outstanding Junior of the Year by the Junior Chamber of Asunción. Paraguay (1998)

- Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Foundation. Ambassador of Good Will. USA (2008)
- AFS-International Intercultural Programs Fellow, New York. USA (1979)

Activities/professional associations

- Oxford Union and Oxford University Alumni. (England)
- Linacre College Alumni. (England)
- Ball State University Alumni. (USA)
- Fulbright International Exchange Alumni. (USA)
- APPG-Paraguayan Association of Professionals Graduated in the United States. (Paraguay)

Volunteer work

- Women's Foreign Policy Group (New York)
- Rotary International. (Paraguay)

Hobbies

Travel, reading, painting, dancing, singing.

Fernando de Oliveira Sena (Brazil)

Born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on September 5th, 1973

Professional background

2015–present — Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), New York.

2013 (September)–2014 (December) — Head of the International Peace and Security Division (responsible for issues related to the United Nations Security Council, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding), Ministry of External Relations of Brazil, Brasilia, Counsellor.

2012 (November)–2013 (September) — Advisor to the Minister of External Relations of Brazil (responsible for Multilateral Political and the United Nations related issues, including: peace and security, human rights, social issues, sustainable development and climate change), Office of the Foreign Minister, Ministry of External Relations of Brazil, Brasilia, Counsellor.

2011–2012 — Head of the United Nations Division (responsible for issues related to the United Nations General Assembly; United Nations Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Committees; the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; the Committee for Programme and Coordination; United Nations Secretariat and Management Reform; United Nations Security Council reform; the International Criminal Court; refugees), Ministry of External Relations of Brazil, Brasilia, Counsellor.

2011–2012 — Vice-President of the Brazilian National Committee on Refugees (CONARE), Brasilia, Brazil.

2011 (July–September) — General-Coordinator for Trilateral Cooperation and Received Cooperation, Brazilian Agency of Cooperation (ABC), Ministry of External Relations of Brazil, Brasilia, First Secretary.

2008 (July)–2011 (July) — Embassy of Brazil to the Republic of South Africa (dealing with Political and Foreign Policy Issues), Pretoria, South Africa, First Secretary.

2005–2008 — Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations (dealing with issues on the agenda of the United Nations General Assembly Fifth Committee, Committee for Programme and Coordination and the United Nations Security Council. Participated in inter-governmental negotiations related to the 2005 World Summit, Secretariat and Management Reform (2006, 2007 and 2008) and the Scales of Assessment), New York, United States of America, Second and First Secretary.

2000–2004 — Protocol of the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Advisor, Private Office, Presidency of the Republic, Brazil.

1999–2000 — State Protocol, Ministry of External Relations, Brazil.

1995–Office of the Federal Prosecutor (Procuradoria-Geral da Republica), dealing with civil and administrative law, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

1994–International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, France (Environmental Law).

Education

2009 — High Level Professional Studies (CAE), Instituto Rio Branco, Ministry of External Relations of Brazil, Brasilia — Thesis Topic: "The United Nations Budgets — the budgetary process of the United Nations".

2006 — Official Course for Diplomats (CAD), Instituto Rio Branco, Ministry of External Relations of Brazil, Brasilia.

1997–1999 — Professional Training Program for Diplomats, Instituto Rio Branco, Ministry of External Relations of Brazil, Brasilia.

1992–1996 — Law School, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Qualified as Attorney at Law).

Decorations/Awards

Brazil — Rio Branco Order (Officer), Defense Order (official) and Tamandaré Award

International — Decorations received from France (Légion d'honneur, chévalier), Romania (Ordinul Pentru Merit), Chile (Orden Bernardo O'Higgins), and Portugal (Ordem do Mérito).

Languages

English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (fluent) and Portuguese (native).

Fernando de Oliveira Sena is married to Karen Lock and has two children.

Cihan Terzi (Turkey)

Senior Inspector at the Ministry of Finance, Turkey (Since 2016).

Year of birth: 1965.

Address

Large tax payers inspection group of the Tax Inspection Board, Ministry of Finance, Ataturk Bulvari, No:73, Kizilay/Ankara, Turkey.

Professional experience

Since 2016	**Senior Inspector at the Ministry of Finance of Turkey**
Year 2014	**Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations system**
Year 2013	**Vice Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations system**
Years 2006–2015	**Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations system**

Coordinator or co-author of the following reports, notes and management letters during his term of office

- State of the internal audit function in the United Nations system
- Use of non-staff personnel and related contractual modalities in the United Nations system organizations- Country case studies: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti and India
- Review of Long-Term Agreements in Procurement in the United Nations system
- Review of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems in United Nations organizations
- Review of Individual Consultancies in the United Nations system
- Procurement reforms in the United Nations system
- Review of the enterprise risk management in the United Nations system: Benchmarking framework
- Policies and procedures for the administration of trust funds in the United Nations system organizations
- Voluntary contributions in United Nations system organizations: impact on programme delivery and resource mobilization strategies
- Review of the working capital fund in the World Meteorological Organization
- Review of management and administration in the World Meteorological Organization

- Review of management and administration in the World Meteorological Organization: additional issues
- Follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit confidential management letter on the adequacy of internal controls at the World Meteorological Organization, and other selected issues
- Review of the national competitive recruitment examination as a recruitment tool
- Junior professional officer/associate/expert/associate professional officer programmes in United Nations system organizations
- Corporate consultancies in United Nations system organizations: overview of the use of corporate consultancy and procurement and contract management issues
- Offshoring in United Nations system organizations: offshore service centres
- Effectiveness of the International Telecommunication Union regional presence

2002–2005 **Financial Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations.**

Responsible for administrative and budgetary (Fifth Committee) issues.

1997–2002 **Head of Department, Ministry of Finance, Turkey.**

Responsible for preparation and monitoring national revenue budget; tax policy issues; public financial management projects; statistics and research; information and communications system. In this capacity his activities included:

- Preparation and monitoring of national revenue budget
- Negotiations with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank regarding tax policy and tax administration issues in the context of standby arrangements, and programmatic financial and public-sector adjustment loans.
- Member of the Turkish delegation to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development for annual country economic surveys and to annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.
- Participant in the economic policies, tax analysis and statistics working groups of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.
- Preparation and implementation of a major information and communication technology project for tax offices nationwide.

1985–1997 **Inspector, Tax Inspection Board, Ministry of Finance.**

Inspection of large-scale corporations and individual businesses.

Certification

1995–present Certified Public Accountant.

Education

1993–1995 Master of Business Administration, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, United States of America.

1981–1985 Bachelor study in economics, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Ankara, Turkey.

Short-term studies

Accounting, New York University, United States (2005).

Fiscal decentralization and local government financial management, Duke University, United States (2002).

Financial programming and policies, International Monetary Fund Institute, United States (2000).

Tax analysis and revenue forecasting, Harvard University, United States (1998).

David Traystman (United States of America)

Current professional experience

Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, United States of America (2011–present)

Previous professional experience

- United States Department of State, United States Mission to the United Nations
- Senior Adviser responsible for budgetary, financial, administrative, personnel/common system and reform issues for the United Nations and New York-based United Nations programs and funds (2006–2011)
- Delegate to the Fifth Committee (2006–2011), serving as lead negotiator on the financing and management of peacekeeping operations and special political missions
- Delegate to the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (2006–2011)
- Delegate to the Contingent-Owned Equipment Working Group (2008 and 2011)
- Delegate to the Committee for Program and Coordination (2000–2005 and 2007)
- Delegate to the Committee on Conferences (2006–2008)
- Press Officer (1998–2006)
- Delegate to the United Nations Committee on Information (2000–2005)
- Delegate to the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) (2003)
- Senior Researcher (1973–1998) responsible for carrying out a wide range of projects on United Nations -related issues in the economic, political, financial and legal fields

Education

- Master of Arts degree in Political Science from Long Island University, New York
- Master of Library Science degree from St. John's University, New York
- Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Long Island University, New York

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Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/72/102/Rev.1 of 17 July 2017, the General Assembly will be required, at its current session, to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Committee on Contributions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Michael Holtsch (Germany)
Evgeny Kalugin (Russian Federation)
Henrique da Silveira Sardinha Pinto (Brazil)
Steve Townley (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Yoon Seongmee (Republic of Korea)
Zhang Wei (China)

3. The candidates' curricula vitae are set out in the annex to the present note.

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Curricula vitae*

Michael Holtsch (Germany)

Date of birth 10/01/1973

WORK EXPERIENCE

November 2012–Present — Desk Officer for European Financial Issues, in particular Budget for Financial Instruments of Heading 3 (Security and Citizenship) and 4 (Global Europe) of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014–2020

Federal Ministry of Finance Berlin/Germany (http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Web/EN/Home/home.html)

- responsible for all financial questions related to civilian and military "Common Security and Defence Policy" (CSDP), including strategies, mandates and budgetary impact statements of European peacekeeping missions
- issues regarding EU funding in and outside the EU in respect of refugees/migration, humanitarian aid and development policy, incl. financing of EU Trust Funds, EU Turkey Refugee Facility, Asylum and Migrations Fund, Internal Security Fund and European Development Fund
- issues regarding European Instruments financing foreign policy

February 2012–November 2012 — Financial Officer at the Economic Division of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations

Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations (http://www.new-york-un.diplo.de/Vertretung/newyorkvn/en/Startseite.html)

- in depth analysis of the scale of assessment methodology for the regular budget and the budget of the PKOs, including detailed assessment of new proposals and examination of ODA eligible items
- EU burdensharer for the topic "Board of Auditors"
- analysis and assessment of United Nations documents and budget proposals related to PKOs
- reporting to the capital and drafting strategies for the items: air travel, program criticality and various PKOs;

November 2008–January 2012 — Desk Officer at the Budget Division of the German Federal Ministry of Finance

Federal Ministry of Finance Berlin/Germany (http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Web/EN/Home/home.html)

- preparation of the budget of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- preparation of the budget negotiations

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

- responsible for all budgetary questions, in particular financial questions related to ODA-eligibility, multilateral development cooperation and climate financing (post-2012 Kyoto/fast track financing)

August 2003–November 2008 — Attorney at Law

- civil law, intellectual property law
- drafting, negotiating and reviewing of contracts
- litigation, filed and defended claims

June 2002–June 2003 — Consultant

Lorenz & Partners Co. Ltd., Bangkok (Thailand)

- national and international contract and commercial law, incl. tax and labour law issues
- drafting trade terms and conditions
- development of investment concepts/business strategies for SMEs in southeast asia

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2000–2002 — Post Graduate Judicial Clerkship at the Court of Appeal in the District of Berlin

German Embassy Bangkok (Thailand); Federal Ministry of Justice, Berlin; Oberfinanzdirektion Berlin;

- review of legal issues
- preparation and execution of transfers of detainees
- responds to citizens' inquiries

1994–1999 — Study of Law

Humboldt University Berlin (Germany)

- civil, criminal and public law
- european law

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)	German				
	UNDERSTANDING		*SPEAKING*		
Other language(s)	*Listening*	*Reading*	*Spoken interaction*	*Spoken production*	*WRITING*
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Russian	A3	A3	A3	A3	A3

Communication skills	effective team-player, persistent and experienced in international issues; ability to set clear priorities, mediate and solve problems under time pressure
Organisational/managerial skills	realisation an organization of a seminar in international law at Thammassat University Bangkok; mediation a dispute between a citizen's movement and a Berlin environmental authority
Job-related skills	• expert in national and european budget • work result oriented
Computer skills	competent with MS Office and Outlook, Apple and PC platforms
Driving licence	B

Evgeny Kalugin (Russian Federation)

Born 5 November 1980, in Moscow

Education

2003 — Graduated from the Moscow State Institute (University) of International Relations

Master of Internationai Relations

Bachelor's degree in Political Science

Languages

Russian (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (fluent)

Professional experience

February 2017–present — Acting Head of administrative and budgetary division, Department of International Organizations, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

2012–2017 — Second, then First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

Russian expert in the United Nations General Assembly Fifth Committee. Responsible for a number of administrative, financial and budgetary issues of the United Nations including the United Nations regular programme and budget, budgets of PKO's and Tribunals, human resource management, conference management, scale of assessment, internal and external oversight, management reforms

2011–2012 — Second Secretary, Department of International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Administrative and budgetary issues of the United Nations and its agencies as well as different conventions and treaties

2007–2011 — Third, then Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva

Administrative and budgetary questions of all major United Nations agencies and organizations based in Geneva such as ILO, ITU, WIPO, WMO, WHO

2003–2007 — Assessing Officer, then Attaché, Third Secretary, Department of International Organizations of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Henrique da Silveira Sardinha Pinto (Brazil)

Member of the Committee on Contributions (2005, 2006–2008, 2012–2014, 2015–2017)

Current position: Undersecretary-General for the Brazilian Communities, Consular and Legal Affairs (since January 2017), Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Born in 1956, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Education

University of the Federal District, Law Degree, Brasilia, 1975–1979
Brazilian Diplomatic Academy (Instituto Rio Branco), Brasilia, 1978–1979
Brazilian Diplomatic Academy, Course of High Studies, thesis on the Budgetary and Financial Administration of the Foreign Service, 1998

Languages

English, French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese (native)

Career in the Brazilian Foreign Service

Third Secretary, November 1979
Second Secretary (merit), December 1981
First Secretary (merit), December 1987
Counselor (merit), June 1994
Minister Second Class (merit), June 2000
Ambassador (merit), June 2009
Honored with decorations, both in Brazil and abroad (Bolivia, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway)

Posts and service abroad

Rome, Brazilian Embassy, Political Affairs, 1982–1983
Rome, Brazilian Representation to FAO, Deputy Permanent Representative, 1983–1985
La Paz, Brazilian Embassy, Cultural and Consular Affairs, 1986–1988
Managua, Brazilian Embassy, Deputy Chief of Mission, 1988–1990
New York, Brazilian Financial Office, Deputy, 1994–1997,
Ottawa, Brazilian Embassy, Consular and Administrative Affairs, 1997–1999
New York, Brazilian Financial Office, Deputy Head, 2002 to 2006
Algiers, Ambassador of Brazil to Algeria, 2009–2013
Tel Aviv, Ambassador of Brazil to Israel, 2013–2016

Summary of main assignments in the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Department of North and Central American Affairs, Adviser, 1979–1982
Division of General Accounts, Secretariat-General, Chief of Staff, 1991
Under-secretariat General for the Foreign Service, Chief of Staff, 1991–1993
Division of Payments of Personnel, Head, 1993–1994
Division of Financial and Administrative Coordination of Posts Abroad, Head, 1999–2002
Department of Trade Promotion, Director, 2006–2009

Steve Townley (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Director, International, UK National Audit Office

Key Skills

- Qualified accountant and experienced external auditor with over thirty years' technical accounting and audit experience working with United Nations organisations and major UK public departments (including Department of Work and Pensions, Ministry of Defence and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs).
- Highly experienced in production and presentation of reports to United Nations Governing Bodies and committees and in the negotiation and clearance of sensitive and complex reports
- Wide experience of corporate and strategic leadership, leading client engagement, managing teams and negotiating clearance of contentious audit reports, and responsible for drafting and presentation of published reports to governing bodies, political groupings and other stakeholders
- Expert knowledge of United Nations operations and related rules and regulations, governing body structures, political groupings and lengthy experience of working with United Nations senior management
- Expert knowledge of enterprise risk management, governance and accountability frameworks and experience of Fraud Risk Assessment, prevention and Investigation
- In-depth knowledge of Oracle and other ERP Project Management and business transformation projects
- In-depth knowledge of Governance, accountability and Internal Control Frameworks in International Organisations
- Extensive experience of reviewing the management and evaluation of technical cooperation and development aid programmes and projects

Qualifications

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
- Certified Corporate Fraud Investigator
- BA Social Sciences (Economics) University of Leicester
- A Levels: Pure Maths and Statistics, Economics, Geography, General Studies

Core Experience

Experience of managing and delivering a wide range of complex international audits and other assignments (under both UNSAS and IPSAS) in the United Nations and of auditing major UK government departments (Department for Work and Pensions, Department for Central and Local Government and Ministry of Defence) including departmental resource accounts; Charities and Companies. Direct experience of auditing most United Nations entities including UNHQ Secretariat, UNDP, UNOPS, UNHCR, UNODC, United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, UNOG, UNON, UNOV, UNOG, UNODC, ILO, FAO, WFP, ITC,ICTY, ICTR. I have worked closely and constructively with audit committees in many United Nations clients.

In-depth knowledge and experience of United Nations Reform issues and of United Nations financial management and business transformation projects including Umoja,

Human Resources and Procurement reforms, common system developments, implementation of IPSAS, counter-fraud and corruption initiatives, enterprise risk management, technical cooperation and project and programme management. Experience in examining complex accounting and audit issues, involving re-performance and validation of economic and other models used by entities in core business processes such as budgeting (e.g. budget re-costing), employee liabilities (including validation of actuarial reports) and complex accounting estimates (e.g. finance leases).

Served as an expert on a number of advisory bodies and technical groups throughout my career including the financial advisory board to the preparatory commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation; five years experience as UK Director of external audit with the United Nations Board of Auditors; and 4 years as Vice Chair of the Technical Group of the United Nations Panel of external auditors.

During my career I have travelled extensively to see United Nations operations at headquarters and in the field and been based in overseas locations in New York, Geneva and Rome for over 14 years in total.

June 2017 to Present: Delegate to the United Nations Committee on Contributions

September 2016 to June 2017: Director of Financial Audit of UK Customs and Internal Revenue Service (Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs), Director of Strategy and Planning for the Mass Market Operations Cluster and Director of National Audit Office's International Relations.

On returning from New York I was appointed lead Director on the financial audit of the UK Revenue and Customs Department which is responsible for the collection of over £560 Billion of UK revenue while also leading National Audit Office's international relations and developing and setting the strategic direction for the National Audit Office's Mass Market Operations cluster.

2011 to September 2016: International Audits based in New York from September 2014.

Director responsible for all National Audit Office international audits and UK Director on the United Nations Board of Auditors responsible for Financial Audit and Reporting on the United Nations, including all aspects of the audits of the United Nations Secretariat, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Office for Project Services, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime, United Nations Compensation Commission, the International Trade Centre and six United Nations Peacekeeping Operations.

2009 to 2011: Department for Central and Local Government

Audit Manager responsible for the audits of the Department for Central and Local Government Resource Account; the Audit Commission and a large number of small to medium-sized non-departmental public bodies, Charities and Government Companies. My role was to lead the central government audit work and client engagement across the UK local government sector at a time of transition when many local bodies were being closed down and powers transferred to central government bodies.

2005–2008: Ministry of Defence

Managing the audit of the Defence Equipment and Support Organisation and a number of smaller defence bodies including the Defence Support and Distribution Agency, British Forces Post Office, and international armaments development agencies such as the Organisation Conjointe de Cooperation en matiere d'Armement (OCCAR). I gained wide experience of complex accounting issues, major defence procurement projects, logistics and inventory management in the context of a major, complex and highly sensitive UK government department.

2005: Consultant, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, Rome.

Responsible for procuring, managing and supporting a Central Computer Telecommunications Agency Risk Analysis and Management Method project (Central Computer Telecommunications Agency Risk Analysis and Management Method) review of Information security. This project tested the effectiveness of FAO IT Security and Governance structures leading to important improvements in cyber security.

2000 to 2004: International Labour Organisation, Geneva

Project Director, Oracle ERP implementation for ILO HQ and field operations. As Project Director, my responsibilities included selection and procurement of an appropriate ERP solution and integration partner. I had responsibility for overall supervision of the project team (up to 120 staff and consultants) and was accountable for managing the $25 million project budget. I reported to a project steering committee and ILO governing bodies. The project successfully replaced an ageing mainframe computer system with a modern integrated ERP database system which provided a platform for further business transformation and increased operational efficiency and effectiveness.

1996 to 2000: Manager NAO Geneva Office

I was responsible for managing a large portfolio of audits including the external audit of the International Labour Organisation, and all European based agencies audited under the NAOs work with the United Nations Board of Auditors including UNOG, UNODC, UNOV, ICTY, UNHCR, OHCHR, ITC, UNITAR, UNCC, International Training Centre Turin, UNFCC, UNCCD, and the United Nations Staff College.

1993 to 1996: Audit Manager, National Audit Office section Blackpool, Department for Work and Pensions

Initially posted to London as an AP on the audit of contributory benefits, I was promoted to Audit Manager and transferred to National Audit Office's Blackpool Office to manage the audit of the UKs major Welfare Benefits and the Department for Work and Pensions departmental accounts, including its executive agencies. I highlighted the major impact of fraud and error in relation to welfare benefits which led to a major and ongoing audit qualification of these accounts.

1989 to 1992: Principal Auditor, Rome, FAO and WFP

I was resident in Rome as the lead Principal Auditor on the audit of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agency accounts including the Trust Fund accounts, FAO Commissary and Credit Union and also worked on the audit of the World Food Programme. I also led the United Nations Board of Auditors audit of the UNDP.

Yoon Seongmee (Republic of Korea)

EDUCATION:

Aug. 1994	B.A. in English Literature and Language, Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea
Aug. 1996	M.A. in international relations, University of Washington, Seattle, USA

CAREER:

May 1994	Passed High Diplomatic Service Examination
Jun. 1994	Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
Feb. 2002	Second Secretary, Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York, U.S.A.
Mar. 2004	First Secretary, Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York, U.S.A.
Jun. 2006	First Secretary, Korean Embassy in the Philippines
Dec. 2008	Deputy Director, United Nations Division, MOFA
Mar. 2012	Director, United Nations Division, MOFA
Jul. 2013	Counsellor, Korean Embassy in the State of Qatar
Jan. 2015	Member, Committee on Contributions, United Nations
Jul. 2015	Counsellor, Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York, U.S.A.
Dec. 2016	Minister Counsellor, Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York, U.S.A.

AWARDS:

Jul. 2013	Service Merit Medal

FAMILY: Married with one daughter and one son

Zhang Wei (China)

Date & Place of Birth: 9 July 1982, Anhui Province, China

Professional Career

September 2016–Present, Vice Director, Foreign Expenditure Division, the Administrative and Law Enforcement Department, MOF, P. R. China

Budget Management of Ministry of Foreign affairs, Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of The State Council and etc.

Budget Management of contributions and donors to International Organizations such as the United Nations, UNDP, FAO, UNIDO, IFAD and etc.

Policies of Foreign Expenditures and etc.

April 2015–September 2016, Vice Director, Administrative Division II, the Administrative and Law Enforcement Department, MOF, P. R. China

Budget Management of General Office of the State Council, General Administration of Customs and etc.

Establishment of Regulations, Institutions and Norms relating to Administrative Expenditures, etc.

August 2008–April 2015, Principal Staff Member, Foreign Expenditure Division, the Administrative and Law Enforcement Department, MOF, P. R. China (from May 2012 to May 2013, serving as Deputy mayor of Zhanhua county, Shandong Province)

Budget Management of Ministry of Foreign affairs, the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Counties and etc.

Budget Management of contributions and donors to International Organizations such as the United Nations, UNDP, FAO, UNIDO, IFAD and etc.

Poverty Reduction, Fiscal Management of Local Government, Economic Development and Investment at Local Government, etc.

August 2004–August 2008, Foreign Expenditure Division, the Administrative and Law Enforcement Department, MOF, P. R. China (from November 2005 to November 2006, working at the Ministry of Finance Censorial Commissioner Agency Instructs Heilongjiang Province)

Management of Foreign Expenditures of Central Government Organizations

Policies and Regulations of Foreign Expenditures, etc.

Education Background

March 2008–December 2012 Master of Finance, School of Economics and Finance, University of International Business and Economics, P. R. China

September 2000 to July 2004, Bachelor of Financial Management, School of International Business Management, University of International Business and Economics, P. R. China

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Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/72/103 of 8 March 2017, the General Assembly will be required, at its current session, to appoint as a member of the Board of Auditors the Auditor-General, or officer holding the equivalent title, of a Member State to fill the vacancy that will occur in the membership of the Board beginning on 1 July 2018 and ending on 30 June 2024.

2. The Government of Chile has nominated the Comptroller General of Chile and the Government of Sierra Leone has nominated the Auditor-General of Sierra Leone for appointment to the Board of Auditors.

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Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/72/104/Rev.1 of 17 July 2017, the General Assembly will be required, at its current session, to appoint five persons to fill the vacancies that will arise in the membership of the International Civil Service Commission, for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018.

2. The members of the Commission whose terms of office expire on 31 December 2017 are:

Wolfgang Stöckl (Germany) (Vice-Chair);
Minoru Endo (Japan);
Luis Mariano Hermosillo Sosa (Mexico);
Aldo Mantovani (Italy);
Curtis Smith (United States of America).

Thus, the members to be appointed should come from the following regions:

One member from the Asia-Pacific States;

One member from the Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from the Western European and other States.

3. Candidatures have been received from the following Member States:

(a) From the Asia-Pacific States (one vacancy):

Yuji Kumamaru (Japan);

(b) From the Latin American and Caribbean States (one vacancy):

Luis Mariano Hermosillo Sosa (Mexico);

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(c) From the Western European and other States (three vacancies):

Aldo Mantovani (Italy);
Jeffrey Mounts (United States of America);
Wolfgang Stöckl (Germany).

4. The appointment of the members of the Commission is governed by the provisions of articles 3–5 of its statute. Pursuant to those provisions, and in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of section II of General Assembly resolution 43/226, the Secretary-General has undertaken consultations with Member States, through the Chairs of the various regional groups, with the executive heads of the other organizations, with staff representatives through the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations and the Coordinating Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System and with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

5. Following consultations among Member States, Mr. Kumamaru has been endorsed by the Asia-Pacific States and Mr. Mantovani, Mr. Mounts and Mr. Stöckl by the Western European and other States.

6. Thus, the Secretary-General hereby submits to the Fifth Committee for its consideration the list of candidates nominated for membership in the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2018:

(a) From the Asia-Pacific States (one vacancy):

Yuji Kumamaru (Japan);

(b) From the Latin American and Caribbean States (one vacancy):

Luis Mariano Hermosillo Sosa (Mexico);

(c) From the Western European and other States (three vacancies):

Aldo Mantovani (Italy);
Jeffrey Mounts (United States of America);
Wolfgang Stöckl (Germany).

7. The candidates' curricula vitae are set out in the annex to the present document.

Annex

Curricula vitae*

Yuji Kumamaru (Japan)

Born on December 7, 1951

Apr. 1975	Joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Jul. 1986	Accredited to the United Nations Secretariat (New York)
Jun. 1989	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (New York)
Jul. 1989	Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in China
Feb. 1992	Director, Social Cooperation Division, United Nations Bureau (Tokyo)
Aug. 1993	Director, United Nations Administration Division, Global Issues Dept., Foreign Policy Bureau (Tokyo)
May 1994	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (New York)
May 1996	Director of General Affairs, Taipei Office, Interchange Association
Apr. 1999	Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (New York)
Feb. 2001	Minister, Embassy of Japan in China
Apr. 2004	Administrative Vice President, Japan Foundation (Tokyo)
Feb. 2005	Consul-General of Japan in Shanghai
Jul. 2008	Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Japan in Thailand
Aug. 2010	Consul-General of Japan in Hong Kong
Jan. 2013	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Cambodia
Oct. 2016	Representative of the Government of Japan
	Ambassador in charge of International Cooperation for Countering Terrorism and International Organized Crime

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Luis Mariano Hermosillo Sosa (Mexico)

Director General for Budget and Financial Resources
Ministry of Public Education (Mexico)

Education

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering
  Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)
- Master in Public Administration (coursing with an advance of 80%)
  Instituto Nacional de Administración Pública (INAP)
- Diploma in Accounting and Finance
  Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)
- Diploma in Results Based Budgeting
  Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and Ministry of Finance and Public Credit
- Diploma in Computer Networks
  Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM)
- Diverse studies in quality management systems and business process reengineering

Profile

- Experience of 21 years as Director General of Programme Planning and Budget or equivalent positions in the Federal Government of Mexico, including 10 years in the Ministry of Economy, 9 years in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and 2 years in the Ministry of Public Education.
- Planning and execution of federal Government spending in state ministries, its decentralized agencies and state-owned enterprises, as well as in representation offices throughout Mexico and abroad.
- Implementation of quality management systems in order to identify, measure, control and improve the various core Government processes.
- Development of software for budget administration and public debt management
- Member of the government bodies of decentralized agencies and state-owned enterprises of the Ministries of Economy and Public Education.
- Member of the control and institutional performance committees, as well as of decentralized agencies and state-owned enterprises under the coordination of the Ministries of Economy and Public Education.
- Member of the Board of External Auditors of the Organization of American States (1996–2003).
- Member of the Committee on Contributions of the United Nations (2009–2010)
- Member of the International Civil Service Commission of the United Nations (2012–2017)

Professional experience

Ministry of Public Education

Director General for Budget and Financial Resources (2015 to date)

Duties:

- Elaboration of the budget of the Ministry of Public Education and integration of the budget of its decentralized agencies and state-owned enterprises.
- Administration of the budget authorized to the Ministry of Public Education.
- Coordinate and supervise the timely payment of teachers' payrolls in the 31 subnational states.
- Liaison between the Superior Audit of the Federation and the Ministry of Public Education for the attention of the audits performed to its various programs.
- Accounting and accountability reports.
- Member of various control and institutional performance committees, as well as of the governing bodies of the decentralized agencies and state-owned enterprises in the education sector.

Accomplishments:

- Budgetary re-engineering for the implementation of the constitutional reform in educational matters that includes the entry and promotion of teachers by competition, performance evaluation, training, new curricula, new textbooks, etc.
- Adequacy and purification of the payroll of the teaching staff of 31 federal entities to comply with the Constitutional Reform in educational matters and applicable legal provisions.

Ministry of Economy

Director General for Programme Planning, Budget and Organization (2013–2015)

Duties:

- Participation in the programme planning and budgeting of the Ministry of Economy and integration of the budget of its decentralized agencies
- Coordination of the effective and efficient exercise of the budget authorized to the Ministry of Economy and its decentralized agencies.
- Accounting and accountability reports.
- Coordination of the regulatory improvement of the Ministry of Economy.
- Member of control and institutional performance committees, as well as of the governing bodies of the decentralized agencies and state-owned enterprises.

Accomplishments:

- Design and implementation of an automated system to plan and promote the timely exercise of the budget and thus avoid sub-exercises.
- Participation in the budget re-engineering of the Ministry of Economy, carried out in 2015, with the zero-based budgeting methodology.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Director General for Programme Planning, Budget and Organization (2003–2012)

Duties:

- Planning, integration and administration of the annual budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as of its diplomatic representations abroad.
- Accounting and accountability reports.
- Administration and control of consular income.
- Coordination of the regulatory improvement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Accomplishments:

- Decentralization of budget management.
- Process reengineering and standardization of policies and procedures for budget execution in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its diplomatic representations.
- Determination of a basic budget for the operation of Mexican diplomatic representations.
- High-level negotiations with the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit in order to obtain the necessary financial resources for the operations of the Ministry.
- Design and implementation of a software system aim to improve the administration and management of budgeting, payroll and expenses for the diplomatic network abroad.
- Implementation of a system to meet the requirements of the representations abroad, based on workflows.
- Contribution to enhance the efficiency of the Organization of American States' administrative processes the by participating as a member of the Board of External Auditors, which reviewed the 2004, 2005 and 2006 financial reports.
- Design and coordination of the installation and operation in 2010 of the Climate Change Village, a venue that received more than 128,000 visitors and hosted nearly 160 expressions and dialogues of non-governmental organizations during the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- Contracting and administration of the necessary services for the G20 Summit in Los Cabos 2012.

Ministry of Economy

Director General for Programme Planning, Budget and Organization (1996–2003)

Duties:

- Compilation and planning of the yearly budget of the Ministry of Economy.
- Budget administration and programme planning.
- Accounting and accountability reports.
- Coordination of the regulatory improvement of the Ministry of Economy.

- Programme and budgetary coordination of funds, trusts, decentralized agencies and state-owned enterprises.
- Member of control and institutional performance committees, as well as of the governing bodies of the state-owned enterprises.

Accomplishments:

- Implementation of budgetary management software.
- Implementation of a quality management system for budget management with ISO 9000:1994 standards and subsequently migrating it to ISO 9000:2000 standards, which involved a complete transformation of the Direction General for Programme Planning, Budget and Organization into an efficient, transparent and organized government office.

Skills

- Computer: Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access.
- Languages: Spanish and English.

Aldo Mantovani (Italy)

Throughout his career, Ambassador Mantovani has accrued expertise in a broad array of fields, including organization and resource management, in addition to his background in international relations. As the head of the Department of Management at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for one budget cycle, he was responsible for the management of all the properties (owned and rented), including the allocation of resources needed for maintenance, of the approximately 240 Italian embassies and consulates and 80 National Cultural Institutes in the world.

Subsequently, he served for three years at the Human Resources Department, where he was in charge of proposing, managing and supervising the movements of 900 diplomats and 2,500 employees. In addition, he was in charge of negotiating, managing and supervising the contracts of 2,500 locally hired staff, with all the implications related to the potential conflicts arising from the differences between the Italian law and the local legislations. In his capacity, he was also in charge of negotiating with the Trade Unions all the matters concerning the implementation of his responsibilities (from the general framework to the most specific situations).

In his capacity as Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations, Ambassador Mantovani was in charge of organizing and coordinating the Mission's multiple activities for five and a half years, overseeing the work of the diplomatic staff (which grew from an initial 15 to 25 in the period of Italy's term on the Security Council). During this period, he took part, inter alia, in the biennial United Nations budget negotiations and in the process leading up to the adoption of the Millennium Declaration. On the Security Council he was one of the two official Italian representatives, in which role he expressed the positions and promoted the interests of Italy on all the major critical issues unfolding on the international stage.

Details of career

- Born in Florence, December 1945, Ambassador Aldo Mantovani received his degree in Political Science, with honors, from the University of Genoa.
- After his mandatory service in the Army, he won a one-year fellowship from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to specialize in International Relations at the Johns Hopkins University Center in Bologna.
- After entering the diplomat career, he served in the General Secretariat of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Italian Embassy in Paris, the Consulate General in Jeddah, the Italian Embassy in Washington DC (as Head of the Economic Section), and the Italian Embassy in Bern as Deputy Ambassador.
- At the Ministry in Rome, he was Head of the Department for Management of Assets Worldwide. After his promotion to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary, he became Head of the Department for Diplomatic and Administrative Staff Mobility.
- In 2003 he was posted to New York as Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations with the title and rank of Ambassador.
- In 2009, he was appointed Ambassador of Italy to Poland, where he served for three years, receiving the Commander's Cross of Merit of the Polish Republic from President Komorowski.
- In December 2011, he returned to the Ministry in Rome and was assigned to the General Secretariat. Ambassador Mantovani has recently retired.

- In November 2013, he was elected by the General Assembly as a member of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on the 1st of January 2014.

He is fluent in English and French and has a rudimentary knowledge of German, Spanish and Polish.

Jeffrey Mounts (United States of America)

Jeffrey C. Mounts is the Managing Director for Global Compensation in the Office of the Comptroller/Global Financial Services (CGFS) at the U.S. Department of State. The Department of State Global Compensation Directorate pays over 90,000 employees in the United States and in more than 180 countries worldwide through 250 pay plans and approximately 140 currencies. Additionally, Mr. Mounts administers multiple defined benefit and defined contributions funds for former employees.

Mr. Mounts has 26 years of federal financial management and human capital compensation experience, including executive leadership and subject matter expertise in personnel and pay policy, worldwide payment execution and banking services, after-employment pension and benefit administration, corporate systems development and program management, and global shared services implementation and operation.

Notable projects overseen by Mr. Mounts include the implementation of a PeopleSoft Global platform to process payroll for over 60,000 locally-employed staff, and a new platform to process defined benefit payments for the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability Fund, as well as the development and implementation of a complex multi-currency global disbursing system which makes over $15 Billion in Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) and check payments per year. Mr. Mounts also led a new initiative, the Voluntary Leave Bank program, which allows employees to contribute to a shared leave bank for use by members in time of personal and family need.

Mr. Jeffrey Mounts represents the Department of State on the U.S. government Human Resources Line of Business and also on the Provider Council of the Unified Shared Services Management organization. He has previously served on the Executive Steering Board of the Office of Management and Budget and Chief Information Officer Council's Shared Services Subcommittee.

Mr. Mounts holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland School of Law, a Master of Public Management (Public Finance) from the University of Maryland, and a Bachelor of Science in Political Science/Education from South Dakota State University.

Wolfgang Stöckl (Germany)

Current position: Vice-Chair, International Civil Service Commission

Chair, Advisory Committee on Post Adjustment Questions

Previous positions and activities:

2006–2017 Member, International Civil Service Commission, United Nations

2002–2006 Ambassador and Special Coordinator for German Personnel in International Organizations

2000–2002 Director of Economic and Development Affairs, United Nations and Global Affairs Department, Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany

1997–2000 Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris

Delegate, Public Management Committee, Coordinating Committee on Remuneration

1997–2002 Member, International Civil Service Commission

1997 Chairman, Committee for Programme and Coordination, United Nations

1995–1997 Member, Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, United Nations

1991–1997 Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations, New York, in charge of United Nations reform, common system and human resources management issues

1990 Special Adviser for Management and Personnel Questions to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic

1989–1991 Deputy Head, Organization and Management Division, Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany

1985–1989 Head, Headquarters Inspection Unit, Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany

1983–1985 Director, German-Saudi Arabian Liaison Office for Economic Affairs, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

1980–1983 German Consul in Cairo, Egypt

1979–1980 Assistant Director, Diplomatic Academy, Federal Foreign Office in charge of competitive entry examination for German Foreign Service

1977 Joined Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany

1976 Ministry of the Interior, Land Hesse, Germany

1973–1974 Assistant judge and assistant prosecutor, Ministry of Justice, Land Hesse, Germany

1972–1980 Chairman, City Council of Melsungen, Germany

Educational background:

1977–1979 Diplomatic Academy, Federal Foreign Office, Bonn, Germany

1975–1976 Postgraduate Studies in Public Administration at the Postgraduate School of Public Administration, Speyer, Germany

1975 Second State Examination in law (Bar Examination)

1972 First State Examination in law (Master's Degree)

1967–1971 Studies of law at the University of Marburg, Germany

Publications

2012 Author of commentary on Article 101 in *The Charter of the United Nations, A Commentary*, Third Ed., Oxford University Press

Date of birth: 11 June 1948

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Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission and designation of the Vice-Chair of the Commission

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As regards the chairmanship of the International Civil Service Commission, it is recalled that article 2 of the Commission's statute provides that:

> "The Commission shall consist of fifteen members appointed by the General Assembly, of whom two, who shall be designated Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, shall serve full-time."

2. The vacancy for the Vice-Chair of the International Civil Service Commission will occur on 1 January 2018.

3. The Government of Italy has put forward a candidate for the position of Vice-Chair of the International Civil Service Commission.

4. The candidate's curriculum vitae is set out in the annex to the present document.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae*

Aldo Mantovani (Italy)

Throughout his career, Ambassador Mantovani has accrued expertise in a broad array of fields, including organization and resource management, in addition to his background in international relations. As the head of the Department of Management at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for one budget cycle, he was responsible for the management of all the properties (owned and rented), including the allocation of resources needed for maintenance, of the approximately 240 Italian embassies and consulates and 80 National Cultural Institutes in the world.

Subsequently, he served for three years at the Human Resources Department, where he was in charge of proposing, managing and supervising the movements of 900 diplomats and 2,500 employees. In addition, he was in charge of negotiating, managing and supervising the contracts of 2,500 locally hired staff, with all the implications related to the potential conflicts arising from the differences between the Italian law and the local legislations. In his capacity, he was also in charge of negotiating with the Trade Unions all the matters concerning the implementation of his responsibilities (from the general framework to the most specific situations).

In his capacity as Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations, Ambassador Mantovani was in charge of organizing and coordinating the Mission's multiple activities for five and a half years, overseeing the work of the diplomatic staff (which grew from an initial 15 to 25 in the period of Italy's term on the Security Council). During this period, he took part, inter alia, in the biennial United Nations budget negotiations and in the process leading up to the adoption of the Millennium Declaration. On the Security Council he was one of the two official Italian representatives, in which role he expressed the positions and promoted the interests of Italy on all the major critical issues unfolding on the international stage.

Details of career

- Born in Florence, December 1945, Ambassador Aldo Mantovani received his degree in Political Science, with honors, from the University of Genoa.
- After his mandatory service in the Army, he won a one-year fellowship from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to specialize in International Relations at the Johns Hopkins University Center in Bologna.
- After entering the diplomat career, he served in the General Secretariat of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Italian Embassy in Paris, the Consulate General in Jeddah, the Italian Embassy in Washington DC (as Head of the Economic Section), and the Italian Embassy in Bern as Deputy Ambassador.
- At the Ministry in Rome, he was Head of the Department for Management of Assets Worldwide. After his promotion to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary, he became Head of the Department for Diplomatic and Administrative Staff Mobility.
- In 2003 he was posted to New York as Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations with the title and rank of Ambassador.

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- In 2009, he was appointed Ambassador of Italy to Poland, where he served for three years, receiving the Commander's Cross of Merit of the Polish Republic from President Komorowski.
- In December 2011, he returned to the Ministry in Rome and was assigned to the General Secretariat. Ambassador Mantovani has recently retired.
- In November 2013, he was elected by the General Assembly as a member of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2014.

He is fluent in English and French and has a rudimentary knowledge of German, Spanish and Polish.

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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/72/105 of 8 March 2017, the General Assembly will be required, at its current session, to appoint two persons to fill the vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, for a three-year term of office[1] beginning on 1 January 2018.

2. The following individuals have been nominated by their Governments for appointment or reappointment to the Independent Audit Advisory Committee:

Richard Quartei Quartey (Ghana)
Janet St. Laurent (United States of America)

3. The candidates' curricula vitae are contained in the annex to the present note.

[1] Members shall serve for three years and can be re-elected for a second and final term of three years.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae*

Richard Quartei Quartey (Ghana)

He was responsible for the strategic planning of all audits and has between 2010 and 2016 presented several reports to Parliament, including financial, compliance, Information Technology, Performance (including infrastructural), Environmental and Extractive Industries (Oil & Gas) reports.

Between 1994 and 1999 he carried out audit assignments at the United Nations Headquarters, New York on United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, United Nations Peacekeeping Operations and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania.

He represented the Auditor-General's Office on the Accounting Standards Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (Ghana) in 2005 to formulate accounting standards for Ghana (Ghana National Accounting Standards).

Between 2010 and 2014 Mr. Quartey acted as chairman of the Audit Committee of AFROSAI-E, a sub-regional body of INTOSAI and from 2010 to 2016 chaired the Audit Working Group (Sub-committee of the Public Financial Management system of the Government of Ghana where Development Partners (Multi-Donor Budget Support Group) meet to discuss the governance aspect of donor support to Ghana.

Mr. Richard Quartey was appointed External Auditor of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and its sister agencies for the period covering July 2012 to June 2016 and has between 2014 and 2016 served as a member of the United Nations Panel of External Auditors.

He was the Joint External Auditor of International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) from 2014 to 2016 and also served as a council member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (Ghana) during the same period.

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Janet St. Laurent (United States of America)

Janet St. Laurent is the U.S. Government Accountability Organization (GAO) Director of the Center for Audit Excellence. The Center's mission is to build institutional auditing capacity and promote good governance by providing high quality training, technical assistance, and related services to domestic and international accountability organizations. As Director of the Center, Ms. St Laurent is responsible for leading the development of Center training, technical assistance services, and projects as well as developing relationships to build institutional audit capacity in domestic and international organizations with similar goals. Ms. St. Laurent is also responsible for recruiting and supervising Center staff and developing and implementing sound business processes and internal controls to achieve the Center's mission.

From January 2008 to January 2014, Ms. St Laurent served as Managing Director of GAO's Defense Capabilities and Management team. Her principal duties included managing GAO's work on defense issues including military operations, force structure, readiness, logistics, infrastructure, defense budget, emerging threats, and military and civilian personnel issues. During her tenure, she led her team to achieve more than $30 billion in financial savings as a result of recommendations made to and implemented by the Department of Defense. She has testified numerous times before congressional committees, including the House and Senate Armed Services Committees. As Managing Director, she also mentored and supported the professional development of 250 staff members by developing team-based training, serving as an Adjunct Faculty member in GAO's Learning Center, and hiring and promoting staff. In addition, Ms. St Laurent was appointed by the Comptroller General to co-lead GAO's first two congressionally-mandated annual reports examining duplication, overlap, and fragmentation among U.S. federal government programs.

Prior to 2008, Ms. St Laurent was the GAO Director for Force Structure and Defense Planning, responsible for leading analyses of defense planning, strategic forces, force structure, and military transformation issues. She also served in GAO's Boston, New York, and Frankfurt, Germany offices, analysing and reporting on a wide range of federal activities including U.S. foreign assistance programs, international food assistance, United Nations issues, and internal control and procurement issues.

Ms. St Laurent holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Syracuse University, a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Ms. St Laurent has received numerous awards at GAO, including the Comptroller General Leadership Award and the GAO Integrity Award. In 2015, she received the Distinguished Public Administration Alumni Award from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. In 2011, she was selected as a Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal finalist in recognition of her work on national security issues. She has participated in numerous public speaking engagements, including appearances on CSPAN, Bloomberg News, and public radio.

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Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 34th plenary meeting, on 26 October 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee following the request of the Secretary-General (A/72/231), decided to include in the agenda of the seventy-second session, under the item entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments", a sub-item entitled "Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee", and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. In accordance with the provisions of article 20 and section E of annex III to the Regulations, Rules and Pension Adjustment System of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,[1] the Secretary-General, after consultation with the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, submits for confirmation by the General Assembly the appointment of Kemi Adeosun (Nigeria) and Keiko Honda (Japan) as ad hoc members of the Investments Committee for one-year terms beginning on 1 January 2018.

3. The curricula vitae of the appointees for confirmation are set out in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Curricula vitae*

Kemi Adeosun (Nigeria)†

Career

2015–Present	Minister of Finance, Federal Republic of Nigeria
2011–2015	Commissioner of Finance, Ogun State, Nigeria
2010–2011	Quo Vadis Partnership, Managing Director
2002–2010	Chapel Hill Denham Management, Managing Director, Financial Controller
2000–2002	Price Waterhouse Coopers, Senior Manager
1996–2000	Prism Consulting, Manager Internal Audit
1994–1995	London Underground Ltd., Manager, Internal Audit
1990–1993	Goodman Jones, London, Senior Audit Officer
1989–1990	British Telecom Company, London, Accounting Assistant

Education

Post graduate diploma in Public Financial Management, University of London
Bachelor of Science in Economics, University of East London

Affiliations

Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, 1994
Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria

Personal

Date of Birth 9 March 1967

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† Ad hoc member.

Keiko Honda (Japan)*

Career

2013–Present	Chief Executive Officer & Executive Vice President, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), World Bank Group, WDC, USA;
1989–2013	Director, McKinsey & Company, Japan;
2002–2003	Hitotsubashi University, Business School, Associate Professor
Prior to 1989	Lehman Brothers, Mergers and Acquisitions Bain & Company, Consultant

Education

MBA, Fulbright Scholar: University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School, USA, 1989
BA, Consumer Economics: Ochanomizu University, Tokyo, Japan

Affiliations

Council for Regulatory Reform, Japan
Committee on the Promotion of Free Trade Agreements, Japan
Committee on the Promotion of EPAs/FTAs of the Keizai Doyukai (Japan Association of Corporate Executives), Japan

Personal

Date of Birth: 25 September 1962

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* Ad hoc member

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Administration of justice at the United Nations

Letter dated 26 October 2017 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 25 October 2017 from the Chair of the Sixth Committee, Burhan Gafoor, on the administration of justice at the United Nations (see annex).

(*Signed*) Miroslav **Lajčák**

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Annex

I have the honour to write to you with regard to agenda item 146, Administration of justice at the United Nations.

As you are aware, at its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the General Committee, referred the agenda item to both the Fifth and Sixth Committees. In paragraph 46 of its resolution 71/266, the Assembly invited the Sixth Committee to consider the legal aspects of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters.

During the present session, the Sixth Committee considered the item at its 11th meeting, on 9 October 2017, as well as in informal consultations held on 10, 11, 17 and 19 October. The Sixth Committee considered the legal aspects of the report of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice at the United Nations (A/72/204), the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services (A/72/138) and the report of the Internal Justice Council (A/72/210), which included, in annexes, views of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal and the United Nations Dispute Tribunal.

During the informal consultations held on 10 and 11 October, the Executive Director of the Office of Administration of Justice, the Acting Director of the Office Ombudsman and Mediation Services and the Chair of the Internal Justice Council made presentations and remained available, along with representatives of other units of the Secretariat, to provide answers and clarifications to delegations, which were grateful for the opportunity. Delegations also had the opportunity to participate in an informal informal briefing with the Presidents of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal and the United Nations Dispute Tribunal.

Delegations expressed their appreciation to the Secretary-General for his comprehensive report submitted pursuant to resolution 71/266 and for the report on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services. The Sixth Committee took note of the requests of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly contained in his report on the administration of justice at the United Nations (A/72/204, paras. 171 and 172). Delegations also took note with appreciation of the report of the Internal Justice Council and took note of the recommendations contained therein.

I should draw your attention to a number of specific issues related to the legal aspects of those reports, as discussed in the Sixth Committee.

Independence of the judiciary

While emphasizing the need for effective cooperation and coordination between the Fifth Committee and the Sixth Committee, the Sixth Committee once more underlined that, under paragraph 4 of its resolution 61/261, the General Assembly had decided that the new system of administration of justice should be independent, transparent, professionalized, adequately resourced and decentralized, consistent with the relevant rules of international law and the principles of the rule of law and due process to ensure respect for the rights and obligations of staff members and the accountability of managers and staff members alike. Delegations were therefore of the view that, when considering the various proposals set out in the above-mentioned reports that might have financial implications, the Assembly should take duly into account paragraph 4 of its resolution 61/261. In this regard,

the Committee noted the report of the Internal Justice Council, in which the Council considered, among other things, in Chapter VIII, concerns about the independence and autonomy of the Tribunals. The Committee also noted the differing views of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and United Nations Appeals Tribunal on the issue of reporting to the Assembly. Considering that independence is one of the cornerstones of the United Nations system of administration of justice, and taking into account concerns expressed this year in this regard, the Sixth Committee recommended that the Internal Justice Council be asked to provide further views in its next report to the General Assembly on possible ways to continue to ensure the independence of the Tribunals.

Knowledge of the system and outreach activities

Recalling the Sixth Committee's recommendation of 2016 (see A/C.5/71/10, annex), urging the Secretariat to strengthen and increase outreach activities, delegations welcomed the continued and intensified efforts reported by the different parts of the system of administration of justice to inform staff about available sources of legal and other advice and about the possibilities of securing legal representation in the system, including for field staff, by regular visits to peacekeeping operations and special political missions (A/72/204, paras. 78, 92, 121, 122 and 125; and A/72/138, paras. 74–84 and 103–105). The Sixth Committee also welcomed the information provided by the Secretary-General on outreach activities and emphasized the important role of those activities in ensuring universal accessibility to the system of administration of justice at the United Nations. Delegations noted that both the Office of Administration of Justice and the Internal Justice Council observed that staff still appears to have limited awareness of the system (A/72/204, para. 78; and A/72/210, paras. 12–14). The Committee thus urged the Secretariat to further strengthen and increase its outreach activities with a view to providing information on the role and functioning of the various parts of the system and the possibilities it offered to address work-related complaints, including to non-staff personnel, paying particular attention to field missions and offices.

Consolidation of rules, regulations and administrative issuances

The Committee welcomed the efforts and the work by the Office of Human Resources Management on the issue of the consolidation of rules, regulations and administrative issuances of the Organization (A/72/204, para. 93). The Committee also noted with appreciation that the Human Resources Handbook was available online on the intranet and Internet, facilitating staff access and transparency. Delegations recalled that the Interim Independent Assessment Panel on the system of administration of justice at the United Nations had made a recommendation on this issue in its report (A/71/62/Rev.1, recommendation 13), and urged the Secretariat to continue its efforts to maintain the Human Resources Handbook updated. The Committee also welcomed the plan of the Office of Human Resources Management to further raise awareness and the use of the Handbook as "the" depository of the human resources regulatory framework of the Organization.

Informal system

The Sixth Committee emphasized that the informal dispute settlement was a crucial component of the internal system of administration of justice and called for better incentives to resort to informal conflict resolution. Delegations commended the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services. The Committee encouraged all parties to a work-related dispute to make every effort to settle it early on in the informal system, without prejudice to the right of each staff member to submit a complaint for review in the formal system.

Formal system

Delegations commended the work of the Management Evaluation Unit, and noted that the fact that the large majority of decisions by the Unit were eventually confirmed in whole or in part by the Tribunals was a good indicator of the sound nature of the decisions taken by the Unit. The Sixth Committee recognized the work of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal in contributing to the promotion of justice at the Organization.

Delegations noted that a relatively high number of judgments issued by the United Nations Dispute Tribunal were overturned by the United Nations Appeals Tribunal and requested further analysis of the factors that gave rise to such outcomes.

The Sixth Committee noted the recommendation of the Internal Justice Council regarding enhancing staff access to documents and information (A/72/210, para. 19). Delegations underlined that, where feasible and without compromising needed confidentiality, the Management Evaluation Unit should provide the complaining parties with documents and other information relied upon by the Unit in deciding to sustain the decisions of line managers.

The Sixth Committee further noted that the reasonable length of proceedings is an important attribute of an effective system of administration of justice. In this respect, some delegations expressed their concern with regard to the duration of the proceedings in the formal system of administration of justice.

Voluntary supplemental funding of the Office of Staff Legal Assistance

The Sixth Committee expressed gratitude for the information provided by the Secretary-General in his report (A/72/204, paras. 123 and 124 and annex IV) on the staff contributions to the voluntary supplemental funding mechanism for the Office of Staff Legal Assistance. Delegations took note of the information provided regarding outreach activities and clinics that had been implemented in order to reduce the high opt-out rates in certain offices and entities of the Organization. Recalling the important role of the Office of Staff Legal Assistance in representing staff before the Tribunals, the Committee considered it appropriate to request the Secretary-General to continue to explore options to ensure the sustainability of the voluntary supplemental funding mechanism and to continue the outreach activities to incentivize staff not to opt out of that mechanism.

Addition of three permanent full-time judges to the Dispute Tribunal

The Sixth Committee noted that the Secretary-General recommended, as he had previously done in his report on the findings and recommendations of the Interim Independent Assessment Panel (A/71/163, paras. 126–129), the addition of three permanent full-time judges to the Dispute Tribunal and provided his reasons therefor (A/72/204, paras. 128, 139–145, 161–163 and 172 (d)), as well as the extension of the positions of supporting staff (A/72/204, para. 172 (g) and (h)). This measure was also long advocated by the Internal Justice Council (see A/70/188, paras. 70 and 71; A/70/190, para. 31; A/69/205, paras. 152–155; and A/67/98, para. 22), the judges of the Dispute and Appeals Tribunals (see A/68/306, annex II, paras. 6 and 7; see also A/67/538, annex, enclosure I, paras. 8 and 9) and the Interim Independent Assessment Panel (A/71/62/Rev.1, recommendation 47 and paras. 367–370). The Sixth Committee recalled that it had previously emphasized the need to find a long-term solution to the question of the composition of the Tribunal that would ensure the sustained efficiency of the performance of the formal system (see letters from the Chair of the Sixth Committee to the President of the General Assembly in 2012 (A/C.5/67/9, annex),

2013 (A/C.5/68/11, annex) and 2014 (A/C.5/69/10, annex)). The Sixth Committee also recalled that in previous years it had acknowledged that the extension of the positions of three ad litem judges was a necessary temporary measure aimed at ensuring the continued delivery of justice (see the letters from the Chair of the Sixth Committee to the President of the Assembly cited above and A/C.5/70/9, of 2015), and that, in 2016, it encouraged the Assembly to take the aforementioned views into consideration (A/C.5/71/10). The Committee therefore called again upon the Assembly to take such views into consideration.

Complaints by non-staff personnel

The Sixth Committee expressed gratitude for the information on non-staff personnel provided by the Secretary-General in his report (A/72/204, paras. 106–108 and annex II), at the request of the General Assembly, regarding: (a) the number of disputes brought before the system of justice and any other measures for addressing disputes available for each category of non-staff personnel and an indication of how such disputes were resolved, for the period 2009–2016; (b) the number of disputes brought before national jurisdictions and an indication of how such disputes were resolved, for the period 2009–2016; (c) the practical measures that have been taken thus far by the United Nations to ensure a proper implementation of the system and to avoid gaps, as well as any other good practices; and (d) the responses from specialized agencies and related bodies of the United Nations on the modes of dispute resolution for non-staff personnel. The Sixth Committee took note that the information provided concerns the United Nations Secretariat, funds and programmes, specialized agencies and related bodies of the United Nations. The Sixth Committee also took note of the views expressed in the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services on access to the ombudsman and mediation services for non-staff personnel (A/72/138, paras. 106–108).

Delegations recalled that the Committee had repeatedly highlighted that the United Nations should ensure that effective remedies were available to all categories of personnel, including non-staff personnel (A/66/275, including annex II, "Proposal for recourse mechanisms for non-staff personnel", and A/67/265, including annex IV, "Expedited arbitration procedures for consultants and individual contractors" and annex VI, "Access to the system of administration of justice for non-staff personnel not covered under the dispute resolution mechanism and other measures available to them for addressing disputes"). The Committee further recalled the views expressed by the Interim Independent Assessment Panel (A/71/62/Rev.1, para. 413, recommendation 23 and paras. 233–243) and the Secretary-General (A/71/163, paras. 58–62), as well as the options for a remedy system for non-staff personnel elaborated by the Internal Justice Council (A/71/158, paras. 142–153 and annex I, para. 13).

Delegations received information presented orally by representatives of the Secretariat, in particular with regard to annex II of the report of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice at the United Nations (A/72/204), as well as information from the Internal Justice Council.

In light of the information provided in annex II to the report of the Secretary-General (A/72/204) and of the information presented orally by representatives of the Secretariat, delegations considered it important to have a comprehensive understanding of all remedies available, in law, and of the extent to which they are available in practice, to non-staff personnel, including arbitration concerning individual contractors. Accordingly, delegations requested the Secretary-General to prepare, with a view to informing the discussions of the General Assembly at its seventy-third session, a comprehensive analysis of the information provided in

annex II of the report (A/72/204) on the remedies available to non-staff personnel, including their effectiveness, efforts that could be taken to prevent disputes and to resolve existing ones *inter partes*, as well as the identification of good practices.

Protection against retaliation

The Sixth Committee acknowledged the ongoing efforts to strengthen and improve the policies for protection against retaliation being implemented and the new directives of the Secretary-General. The Committee took note of the view of the Internal Justice Council that staff members lodging a case before the Tribunals or appearing as witnesses continue to be insufficiently protected under the existing policies and procedures (see A/72/210, paras. 21–33), as well as of the information presented orally by representatives of the Secretariat on the issue. In the view of the Internal Justice Council, this scheme does not include the crucial protection of parties and witnesses before the Tribunals, which is essential to access to justice. Delegations recalled the recommendation of the Interim Independent Assessment Panel that the Organization establish legal provisions and corresponding procedures to protect staff members from retaliation for appearing as witnesses or for lodging an appeal (A/71/62/Rev.1, para. 413, recommendation 24). The Sixth Committee requested the Secretary-General to present, at the seventy-third session, a comprehensive analysis of existing policies on protection against retaliation in the internal justice system, including their scope, that apply to staff members who lodge cases before the Tribunals or who appear as witnesses, and to make recommendations on ways to improve protections for such staff members.

Investigations

The Sixth Committee took note of the information, provided in line with the request made in its letter to the Chair of the Fifth Committee dated 26 October 2016 (A/C.5/71/10, annex), on the improvement of investigations into misconduct and harassment and on the training provided by the Office of Internal Oversight Services to staff members on conducting peer-based investigations. The Sixth Committee also took note of the joint planning between the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Administrative Law Section to facilitate the development and delivery of training across the Secretariat. The Sixth Committee requested that the Secretary-General also report on the measures taken to maintain the downward trajectory of the average length of time of investigations, as well as on the actions pursued by the Standing Task Force for the Improvement of the Investigation of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (A/72/204, annex III, para. 15).

Closing remarks

The Sixth Committee recommended that the General Assembly include the item entitled "Administration of justice at the United Nations" in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session.

It would be appreciated if the present letter were brought to the attention of the Chair of the Fifth Committee and circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 146, "Administration of justice at the United Nations".